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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed April 12, 2007, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until July 12, 2007.

Applicants hereby request an extension of time for three months until October 12, 2007, and are concurrently filing a formal Request for Extension of Time for three months accompanied by the government fee. If for any reason the formal request for extension of time is not associated with this reply or any fees are required to maintain the pendency of this application, including any extension of time fees and/or any claim fees, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Specification being on page 3 of this response.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 13 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 16 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 17 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 17 of this paper.